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Timely Tidbits ...

Benefit Golf Outing

The Romulus High School baseball program's second annual golf outing/fund-raiser is set for Saturday, August 25, at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Club on Ecorse Road. Shotgun start for the event, which will have a four-person-scramble format, will be at 1:30 p.m.

A $75-per-person cost includes 18 holes with cart, small bucket of range balls, and various competitions with prizes; other highlights will include a skins competition, putting for dollars, and raffles. The registration/payment deadline is August 17.

For information, call Coach Keith Brothers (734-942-6852).

Bicycle Program

The Romulus Public Library and the Romulus Community Police Department are co-sponsoring a bike safety/registration program at the Library (11121 South Wayne Road, at Goddard, next to City Hall) on Wednesday, August 8, beginning at 1 p.m. Highlights of the free event will include a safety course, an obstacle course, and ID# etching. Bring your bike and helmet to participate.

Crafters Sought

St. Aloysius Catholic Church of Romulus is looking for crafters who would like to participate in its annual end-of-summer festival, set for August 24–26. For additional information, call the church rectory at 734-941-5056 (Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Recipes Wanted

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is seeking "secret family recipes" for its new cookbook. Recipes do not have to utilize pumpkin or other "harvest" ingredients; all types are welcome.

To share your recipes (and, if possible, the story of how or why they became a family tradition), mail them to committee member Rosalie Berlinn at 15518 Oakbrook, Romulus, MI 48174, or fax them to her at 734-941-4304. ❑

Romulus Chamber Sponsors Airport Tour

Kathleen Karras (right), president of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, and Barbara Ann Snyder, executive secretary, get ready to tour the $1.2-billion "McNamara Terminal."

This view from the McNamara Terminal's ticket area shows the Airport's new ramps and the new air-traffic control tower.

Earlier this month, the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce sponsored a special luncheon/tour of the new facilities at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. Kathleen Karras, Chamber president, was pleased with the large turnout for the event.

Chuck McClosky, project manager for Northwest Airlines, served as the tour guide for the Chamber group.

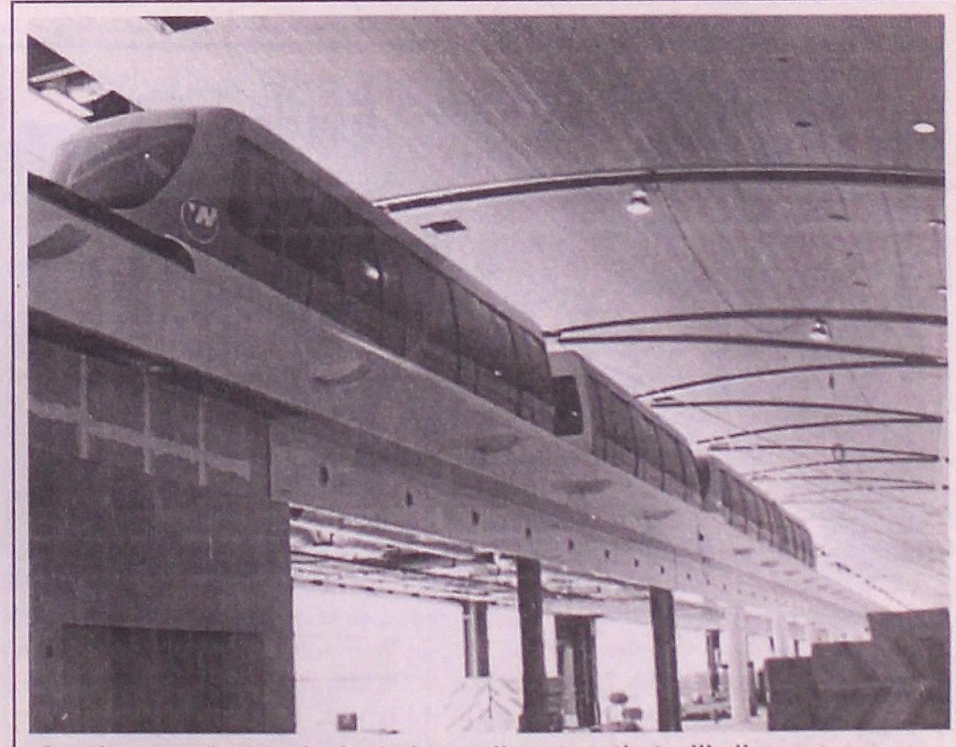
According to McClosky, the new midfield terminal (recently named for Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara) is extremely large, but its layout is simple and will be easy for visitors to grasp. The main entry features 106 ticket stations – 53 on each side of the doors. As visitors walk north, they will observe a large common area with restaurants and shops two floors lower. McClosky indicated that the merchants of these establishments have agreed to keep their rates in line with those charged at outside establishments, and that "secret shoppers" will work continuously to check out and compare prices.

Continuing north, visitors will come to an enormous gate area, which stretches out in either direction as far as the eye can see. Indoor rail cars will facilitate passenger travel along the mile length of Concourse A, taking passengers from one point to any other in four minutes or less, with a pick-up wait time of no more than two minutes at any stop.

McClosky reported that the exact time of terminal change-over has not been established, but when it does occur, it should be implemented in a single night so that the new terminal can begin handling all traffic the next morning.

Other highlights:

- The complex measures two million square feet in area, with a terminal, connecting link, three concourses, and a connecting passenger tunnel.
- The facility boasts a total of 97 gates (64 jet gates on Concourse A, eight jet gates on Concourse B, and 25 commuter gates on Concourse C).
- A total of 1.5 miles of moving walkways make visitor travel easier.
- Twenty-four SkyCap curb-side posts are available for luggage check-in.
- The luggage handling system features 11 domestic and seven international claim carousels.
- A 404-room Westin hotel will be connected to the terminal (target completion date: September 2002).
- The terminal will be owned by Wayne County and used by Northwest Airlines and its partners, in addition to international carriers British Airways, KLM, and Lufthansa. ❑



Another new feature is the indoor rail system that will allow passengers to traverse the mile-long Concourse A (with 64 jet gates) in four minutes. Passengers will wait no more than two minutes at any stop for the next available rail car.

Letters to the Editor

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Golf Outing Protested

Dear Editor:

As a lifetime resident of Romulus, I want to express my shock and dismay about a recent Channel 4 "Defenders" broadcast story (July 12, 2001) regarding strippers from the Landing Strip Lounge entertaining golfers at the Shady Hollow Golf Course during their outing on June 24, 2001.

It is a shame that the most successful business in the downtown area of Romulus is a so-called Gentleman's Club, but it is a disgrace for this city to allow them to peddle flesh in broad daylight within full view of TV cameras, our citizens, and our children!

Is it any wonder that this city cannot attract respectable businesses to our downtown area when we continue to allow functions such as these within our city limits? I urge the Mayor and City Council to take a stand on this issue and help make Romulus a decent place to live again. I urge the City to terminate any association with both the Landing Strip and Shady Hollow Golf Course. I urge the City officials to reject advertising from both parties for City-sanctioned events such as our parades, City guide, and Pumpkin Festival. I urge the Mayor to change his annual golf outing to another course as a show of support for decency and morality.

As this is an election year, I also urge the residents of the City of Romulus to hold our elected officials accountable for their actions or lack thereof.

Ashamed to live in Romulus,
Jeff Satterlee

Golf Club Apologizes

To the People of the City of Romulus:

My name is Bob Sutton and I am the general manager of Shady Hollow Golf Club.

In the past few days, our course has received a lot of attention for hosting a local strip bar's golf outing. I would like to apologize to everyone in Romulus for any embarrassment this may have caused. While a significant amount of the TV reporting was misleading regarding the event held at our golf club, it was never our intention to create negative publicity for the Mayor's office or for the fine people of Romulus. Since taking over Shady Hollow Golf Club seven years ago, it has been our goal to be a positive influence in a city that has greatly supported us season after season. We want that to continue. Shady Hollow Golf Club will not be hosting outings of this type again.

If anyone has any concerns, feel free to call us at 734-721-0430 or drop by; we welcome everyone's input as we strive to be a positive influence in the Romulus community.

Yours truly,
Bob Sutton ❑

Cafeteria Workers Enjoy Fish!

Cafeteria employees enjoying the Romulus school district's recent *Fish!* program, which promotes a "PMA" (positive mental attitude), were (from left): front – Karen Zilka, Sharon Zilka, Sally Manning, Joan Christensen, and Patricia Longo; middle – Cathy Hadyniak, Faith Bouquenoy, Fay Knight, Laura Love, Jaime Schwabenlender, Diane Miller, Linda Redmond, and Kim Waldrip; back – Pat McLaughlin, Robin Schonscheck, Carol White, Judy Frederick, Rose Schoolmaster, Sue Hohman, Karen McFall, Cindi Manthei, Louise Esiain, and Becky Chapman.

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Guest Commentary

There But for the Grace of God ...

By Jim Rarey

There is a superstition that celebrity deaths come in bunches of three. This last week, across the country, a trio of accidents involving dangerous chemicals caused at least five deaths and disrupted thousands of lives in a number of communities.

Locally, in Riverview, a leaking railroad tank car filled with the highly flammable chemical methyl merecaptan exploded and caught fire. Three workers were killed outright and several had to be treated for inhalation of fumes. Residents from portions of four communities were evacuated for several hours.

In Pennsylvania, another railroad tank car exploded, killing two workers.

In Baltimore, a 62-car CSX freight train derailed in a tunnel. Several cars caught fire and another leaked hydrochloric acid. The smoke and intense heat from the fire prevented firefighters from attacking it for nearly two days. Traffic was snarled in the city for days and even the Internet was affected as cables in the tunnel melted.

As bad as these tragedies were, they could have been much worse. In Riverview, a railroad tank car containing chlorine was being emptied when heat from the fire melted the connecting tube. Luckily, an automatic shutoff valve prevented dispersion of deadly chlorine vapors.

In Baltimore, several cars carrying equally dangerous chemicals did not become involved in the fire.

In communities across the country, residents were (or should have been) saying, "There but for the grace of God go we." Transportation and storage of dangerous chemicals is a daily occurrence throughout the nation. It is probably a minor miracle that more catastrophic accidents don't occur.

In Romulus, for instance, a number of companies transport and store extremely dangerous chemicals, including the deadly chemical chlorine. Daily, a CSX train similar to the one in Baltimore rumbles through the heart of town. Some residents have labeled it "the death train."

Another company transports and stores (underground) millions of gallons of liquid propane, a highly flammable petroleum product with explosive vapors. The airport receives and stores highly volatile jet airplane fuel. Thanks to a compliant congress, the petroleum-based products are not even classified as "hazardous."

The reader may have noticed that this writer has not until now used the phrase "hazardous wastes." There has been a running 10-year battle in Romulus to stop the operation of an Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) deep well that would inject liquid industrial wastes into a rock formation almost a mile below the surface. The wastes are classified as "hazardous" by the U.S. government. The stated fear is that, although the possibility is remote, the wastes could escape the rock formation and contaminate the drinking-water supply some 4,000 feet above.

Local politicians have unashamedly called the industrial wastes the most dangerous chemicals known to man. This despite testimony they heard from the chemical expert on the Site Review Board that the wastes EDS would be allowed to process, if spilled, would not explode, would not emit toxic fumes, would not catch fire, and could not cause evacuations.

Perhaps the most demagogic statement made was by mayoral assistant Dave Cox at a press conference held by gubernatorial candidate David Bonior at the proposed well site. Cox, who was recalled from his City Council seat in Westland recently, said that Romulus would have to spend significant amounts of money to train and equip a hazardous-materials response team if the EDS well was allowed to go into operation.

While this writer does not contest the need for such a team, despite the existence of county and downriver "hazmat" teams, to suggest that only the proposed well would make it necessary is political pandering of the worst kind on fears generated by years of exaggeration and outright disinformation.

Hopefully, the city will not prove that with a catastrophic event from the much more dangerous chemicals abounding in the community.

Watch for Jim Rarey's weekly opinion column, "Medium Rare," in The Romulus Roman.

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St. Aloysius Youth Group Attends WV Adventure Retreat

Whitewater rafting are (from left) Rivermen guide "Ed" along with Pam Confer, Joe Confer, April Kovacs, Melissa Wilhide, Karen Wilhide, Darlie Atkinson, Matt Wilhide, and Mark Wilhide.

Twenty-three members of the St. Aloysius Youth Group participated in an "Adventure Retreat" in Lansing, West Virginia, June 28–30. Julie Wadsworth and Stacey Prater organized the trip and multiple fund-raisers to make the mentally and physically challenging program possible.

"This retreat focused on establishing trust and confidence in oneself and immediately using that confidence and trust as a team," Wadsworth explained.

White-water rafting is not a sport for the nonparticipant, said Wadsworth. In order for rafters to safely steer their rafts through the powerful rushing water, they must pay strict attention to the guide's commands and work as a team to synchronize their strokes. It only takes one person being out of sync to flip the raft. Another sport that requires confidence and teamwork is rock climbing/rapelling. Again, the ability to follow directions and trust in yourself and others is key.

The youths enjoyed both activities during their retreat, building friendships and learning that anything is possible with faith, confidence, and trust.

"We had an extremely intense and safe adventure," Wadsworth stated.

The group would like to say thanks to everyone who made the trip possible, including JoAnn Prater, a Romulus school bus driver, who volunteered her time to drive the group's bus; the management of the BP gas station at Middlebelt and Eureka, the ChubbCo Corporation, and the Romulus Burger King and McDonald's restaurants; and community members who supported car washes and bake sales.

For information about joining the St. Aloysius Youth Group, call Wadsworth at 734-941-3340. Membership is open to everyone age 12 and up who has an open mind and an open heart. ❑

St. Al's Students Have a Field Day!

Fifth- and sixth-graders competed in a game of tug-of-war during the St. Aloysius Catholic School "Field Day" program. The event, organized by physical-education teacher Julie Wadsworth and Parents Club president Cathy Sovinski, featured 12 contests in four different age groups, a teachers/staff vs. student tug-of-war match, and a picnic lunch. The festivities concluded with award ribbons and ice cream for all participants.

Guest Commentary

Medicare Needs Missing Piece

By Charles C. Smith, president of the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) of Michigan

Thirty-six years ago on Monday, July 30, the legislation that created Medicare was signed into law. Since that day, Medicare has been the cornerstone of health-care coverage for Americans age 65 and older as well as for younger, disabled Americans. Medicare has relieved families of the financial burden they would face if a loved one needed expensive care and has helped dramatically reduce poverty among older Americans.

Today, prescription drugs are an essential part of good medical treatment. Drug therapies that were not available when Medicare began in 1965 are now commonly used to prevent and treat virtually every major illness. These drugs can substitute for, or even allow patients to avoid, more expensive hospitalization or surgery. Medicare covers the cost of surgery. It does not cover prescription drugs. It is time to modernize Medicare.

Eighty percent of today's retirees use a prescription drug every day. But the group that relies on prescription drugs the most – Americans over age 65 – is the least likely to have drug coverage to help with the cost. Only one in four large employers offers retiree health coverage, and of those employers that do offer retiree benefits, more than a quarter do not offer drug coverage to Medicare-eligible retirees. Almost half of Medicare beneficiaries who spent $1,000 or more out-of-pocket on prescription drugs in 1999 were among those who had some type of prescription drug coverage. Only 400,000 of today's 40 million Medicare beneficiaries have Medigap policies that provide some drug benefit.

The bottom line is: Prescription drugs are not a luxury, but for many, they cost as much. Increasing need, high drug prices, and inadequate insurance coverage pose serious problems for today's Medicare beneficiaries. A chronic health problem that requires some of the most expensive prescription drugs can deplete a retiree's financial resources. Some beneficiaries are forced to choose between food and their medication. It's a national disgrace.

The President's recent actions add real momentum to achieving a prescription drug benefit in Medicare. Adding prescription drug coverage to Medicare is AARP's top legislative priority and we are encouraged that the President is placing it high on the nation's agenda. The pharmacy discount card for Medicare beneficiaries is a positive step toward such a benefit, but it is not a substitute. While the prescription drug discount card can help create the mechanisms needed to implement prescription drug insurance coverage in Medicare, AARP believes prescription drug coverage in Medicare will continue to be crucial and we are redoubling our efforts to bring this about.

AARP is declaring July 30 as "Medicare Monday" to celebrate the thirty-sixth anniversary of Medicare and to call attention to the critical missing piece – a prescription drug benefit that all Medicare beneficiaries will be able to purchase whether they choose to stay in the traditional Medicare-fee-for-service program or move into a more modernized program. We are holding a host of events throughout Michigan and across the country and have launched an aggressive online advocacy project. We invite you to join us at www.aarp.org/prescriptiondrugs.

On Medicare Monday, AARP volunteers will visit the local offices of each member of the Michigan Congressional delegation to bring the message directly to each. We will present them with Medicare birthday cakes – but with a piece missing. The missing piece will represent the missing prescription drug benefit. In August, we will hold special events in several cities.

As a nation, we need to be firmly committed to the creation of a voluntary Medicare prescription drug benefit that is available to and affordable for all beneficiaries. To be financially stable, the program will need adequate government contribution to make the premiums affordable for most beneficiaries, even those with modest incomes. Prescription drug coverage must be part of an improved Medicare program. Let's stand together and demand that Congress and the President keep their promises to enact a voluntary, affordable prescription drug benefit for everyone in Medicare.

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Students Enriched by Summer Gifted/Talented Programs

Showing off their creative efforts were teacher Carrie Smith (center) and her Art Smart students, including (from left) Holly Hammond, Junaé Harville, Lakisha Fornen, Carmen Plank, Cierra Baxter, Brittany Francis, Alisha Menser, Norma Jean Hill, Cierra Toliver, Franchella Foreman, Dustin Stamp, Johnnie Watts, Travis Bergman, Sarah Orr, Malik Lewis, Savannah Moffit, and Aprell Arthur.

Dick Kruse, Romulus Community Schools spokesperson, reports that the summer enrichment program for gifted and talented students has been a big success so far. The program – which gives elementary-age youngsters a chance to attend two three-week sessions of daily four-hour classes at Merriman Elementary School – is being conducted under the supervision of Barth Elementary resource teacher Charles Wood.

Student presentations featured at a recent program for parents included a show put on by Gayle Milspaugh's puppetry class; a Web-site design demonstration given by Rob Baty's world-of-computers class; a newscast composed by Geraldine Kline's creative-writing students for their zany Channel 59½ Parent Show; and exhibits of work by Carrie Smith's art-smart class and Marina Temnikova's German class.

For more photos, see page 5. ❑

The Mayor's Chair

Drug Task Force Outing a Success

By Mayor William M. Oakley, City of Romulus

On Friday, July 20, 144 golfers and dozens of volunteers took time from their business and personal schedules to participate in the annual Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force Golf Outing, held at Shady Hollow Golf Course in Romulus. Though the weather was stifling, it did nothing to hamper the spirit of charity that so many have shown by golfing, donating their time and money, or working as volunteers to ensure that the event was a great success . . . which it was.

Though many may not be familiar with the fine work of this organization, there are few children in Romulus whose lives it has not affected. Red Ribbon Week, for instance, is a community-wide event which reaches over 4,300 school-aged children with the messages of pride in oneself, personal leadership, and self-respect. While the aim is to combat drug abuse, the target is to empower our kids with the ability to make good decisions about themselves. It also emphasizes that our true heroes are not actors or sports figures, but our own parents.

Educational scholarships are also a major focus of the Task Force, as is the annual Health Fair, which brings health providers together so that residents know where to go for help. Whether it is for medical needs, substance-abuse problems, or behavioral issues, the Health Fair is a great resource that can help put things back on the right track. The focus is always kids, and that is what each golfer, contributor, and volunteer supported last Friday.

To all of those involved in this event, who worked so hard to ensure that funding exists for this fine work, thank you sincerely. Your participation will help our kids enjoy a better quality of life and there is nothing we will do that is more important than that.

Those interested in donating to the Mayor's Drug Task Force, or persons looking for funding, may write to the Task Force in care of Mayor William M. Oakley's office, Romulus City Hall, 11111 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. ❑

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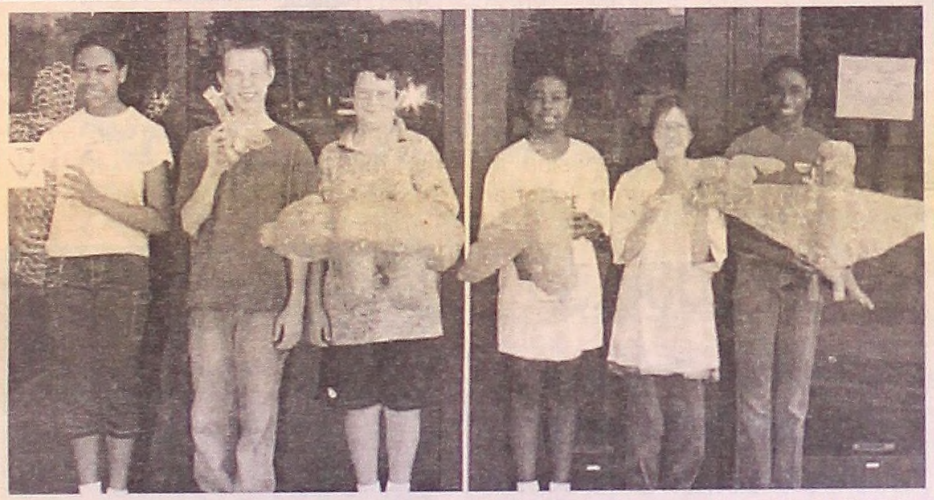
Summer Enrichment

Teacher Geraldine Kline (back) worked with creative-writing students, including (from left) Olivia Boler, Rachel Arthur, Trisha Wanamaker, Kourtney Hamilton, Amelia Pelayo, Ricky Rutherford, Timothy Byrum, and Matt Stewart.

Among teacher Geraldine Kline's other creative-writing students were (from left) Mary Ann Watts, Kelsey Hadyniak, Stephanie Rutherford, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Jasmine Harris, Cheyenne Oakley, Leanna Pioli, and Sheila Watts.



Proudly showing off their papier-mâché projects were (from left) Portia Lester, Cory Koch, Elvis Celske, Erica Wasson, Kerri Britz, and Aurielle McCauley.

Learning German with teacher Marina Temnikova (back) were (from left) Kelly Mays, Melissa Dufore, Arianna Diebel, Erin Bragg, Kyle Sherwood, Antoine Baines, Erik Washington, Derek Bennett, and Harrison Capron.

Teacher Sharon Grandell (center) will soon have aviation students such as (from left) Alyssa Long, Doloris Garry, Brittani Haney, Devin Milhouse, Alan Hughley, and Dwayne Edwards flying their own rockets.

Teacher Gayle Milspaugh (right) worked with the puppetry students, including (from left) Faith Hoover, Kyra Crawford, Yancey George, Rachel Stanley, and Zach Hoerl.

RMS Students Honored

Principal Mel Kimbrough (back, left) and leadership sponsor Betty Santo (back, right) congratulated the RMS honorees, including (from left): front row – Lindsy Green, Ayibatari Burutolu, Ashley Wells, Jazmine Bennett, Ashley Wright, Andrea Redding, Leah Moore, Anne Ross, Sawaira Sheikh, and Cory Mortzfield; back row – Ashley Moss, Kim Wilson, Jessica Shelton, Lindsay Beregsasy, Candice Lawrence, Monique Solomon, Carl Gillespie, and Brian Roger.

Romulus Middle School wrapped up the 2000–2001 school year with an awards program that recognized 87 seventh-graders and 45 eighth-graders for various academic, athletic, and attendance achievements. The honorees included:

Perfect Attendance

Richard Bennett (7), Alan Boiler (7), Stephanie Maddox (7), Cory Mortzfield (7), Paulette Stanford (8), and Adrian Watson (8).

Math Award

Kristen Atchley (8), Jazmine Bennett (8), Brenden Boyd (8), Ronnie Brown (8), Matthew Koester (7), and Jonathan McLachlan (7).

Science Award

Megan Bearman (7), Jazmine Bennett (8), Ayibatari Burutolu (7), and Teela Carroll (8).

Social Studies Award

Ronald Carter (7), Philip Roscoe (8), Thomas Rutherford (7), and Sawaira Sheikh (8).

Language Arts Award

Doloris Garry (7), Candace Lawrence (8), Anne Ross (7), and Joann Tieppo (7).

Foreign Language Award

Mia Drane-Maury (8) and Jessica Workman (7).

Life Management Award

Megan Scott (8).

Performing Arts Award

Shavon Bell (8).

Scholar/Athlete Award

Lindsay Beregsasy (7), Brenden Boyd (8), Landria Buckley (7), Katie Hale (8), and Philip Roscoe (8).

Principal's Award (all A's for 2 years)

Jazmine Bennett (8) and Ronnie Brown (8).

Academic Excellence Award (all A's for 1 year)

Kristen Atchley (8), Megan Bearman (7), Ayibatari Burutolu (7), Katherine Drayton (7), Doloris Garry (7), Samina Haq (7), and Jonathan McLachlan (7).

All-year Honor Roll (grade 7)

Carla Anderson, Kathryn Appel, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Amanda Bailey, Ronald Baker, James Bell, Lauren Belle, Lindsay Beregsasy, Bradley Bills, James Blanton, Jarran Booker, Lisa Boteler, Landria Buckley, Jennifer Caloia, Tamara Carney, Darryl Carroll, Joshua Carroll, Ronald Carter, Elvis Celske, Mari Clay, Carmen Coleman, Lindsay Coughlin, Adam Delay, Brian Demoisey, Katrell Duncan, Jason Elwell, Jessica Fox, Bradley Garland, Dean Gilbert, Carl Gillespie, Lindsy Green, Anthony Groce, Brittani Haney, Lester Hardy, Nedra Harris, Jeannie Hayes, Amanda Hollis, Ashley Horyn, Jennifer Hunter, Tom-Meka Johnson, Danielle Keller, Matthew Koester, Shannon Kowalski, Jennifer Lammers, La'Myeishia Lewis, Erica Linton, Christopher Lucaj, Courtney MacDougall, Justin Maupin, Monet McCroan, Krystle McKay, Jessica Moore, Cory Mortzfield, Ashley Moss, Tiffany Motsch, Michelle Nelson, Amanda Nowicki, Kristine Plank, Whitney Poole, Jonathan Rafalski, Anisa Rakic, Timothy Reed, Brian Rodger, Anne Ross, Arlennea Savage, Jessica Sears, Patricia Silvey, Siera Stewart, Brian Thiede, Diana Thompson, Antonia Walker, Tanise Walker, Jeremiah Warren, Diamond Washington, Ashlee Wells, Megan Whalen, LeRodd Williams, Patricia Williams, Amanda Willingham, and Jessica Workman.

All-year Honor Roll (grade 8)

Ashley Allen, Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Donald Brewer, Antoine Burrell, Teela Carroll, Justin Chapman, Maurio Clark, Anica Coate, Monica Cox, Lauryn Farkas, Anitra Glimps, Katie Hale, Paris Hawkins, Brittany Johnson, Candace Lawrence, Lisa Miller, Leah Moore, Anjelique Moss, Antoine Nelson, Candace Parsons, Shawn Perkins, Andrea Redding, Philip Roscoe, Megan Scott, Sawaira Sheikh, Jessica Shelton, Ashley Sibby, paulette Stanford, Dwayne Starnes, Matthew Steffani, Avery Stephenson, Anastasia Strother, Jamie Suiter, Joann Tieppo, Jessica Trahey, Sarah Ward, Natalie Watt, Kimberly Wilson, Lashonda Windham, Ryan Witherow, and Ashley Wright. ❑

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Community Calendar

- **Donations Needed** – The Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Region III and Region IV) is asking for donations for its fourth annual Community Baby Shower, which will benefit dozens of low-income mothers-to-be and new mothers in our area. Cash or new, unwrapped items are equally welcome. For more information, please call Katrina Kelly at 734-782-6332.
- **Fall Softball** – The Romulus Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for its ISA Fall Softball League. Teams can choose to play in one or more of the following divisions: ***Friday Men's*** (6 teams, 10 games, 2 umpires, limit of 6 home runs per game; $325); ***Sunday Men's*** (10 teams, 9 games, 2 umpires, limit of 6 home runs per game; $325); and/or ***Tuesday Co-ed*** (6 teams, 10 games, 1 umpire, $300). Fees also cover balls, score keepers, and field maintenance. Registration ends August 17; other important dates include August 21 (managers' meeting), August 24 (Friday League play begins), and August 26 (Sunday League play begins). For more information, contact Keith Brothers at 734-942-6852.
- **Cruise Night** – Romulus Auto Supply and Romulus Showtime Video invite you to dress up '50s style, get into your classic car, drive over to their downtown parking lot on Goddard Road, and spend a warm summer night bringing back old memories (or making new ones) on "Cruise Night" – a weekly event that will feature the simple pleasures of hot dogs, soft drinks, good music, and even better company. Cruise Night runs from 6 p.m. until dark every Tuesday (next date: July 31) through the end of September. For more information, call 734-942-7999.
- **Dance Camp** – The Romulus Recreation Department is offering a dance camp for students ages six to twelve. The event will be held August 6–9, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is $60; tap shoes are required. Call 734-942-6852.
- ***The Mayor's Chair*** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9. Special guests will include the husband/wife team of Grand Master Ronald (seventh-degree black belt) and Chris (sixth-degree black belt) Rose, who will put on a martial-arts demonstration to promote the International Tae Kwon Do championships coming to the Romulus area in October. Also on hand to promote the September 1 "Romulus Day" celebration at Eastern Michigan University will be the parents of the seven Romulus High School graduates who will be going to school and playing football at EMU this fall. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions by calling 734-942-7571.
- **Waltz Homecoming Festival** – The 2001 Waltz Homecoming Festival – which will continue through Sunday, July 29 – will feature a variety of attractions, including a parade, fireworks, midway, entertainment, an antique car/cruise show, games, food, and more. The Festival will be at Joseph Waltz Park (I-275 Exit 8, west to downtown Waltz) on Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 7 p.m. For information, call 734-654-8020 or visit www.geocities.com/waltzmich/Waltz_Michigan.html.
- **RHS Class of 1971 Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1971 will hold its 30-year reunion on Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29, 2001. Plans call for everyone to meet at the corner of Goddard and Shook roads at 5 p.m. Friday to watch the annual Homecoming Parade, then move to the Middle School for the Homecoming Game at 7 p.m. A bonfire will follow the game, weather permitting. Saturday's events will begin with a 10 a.m. tour of the High School; an evening dinner/dance at the Marriott Hotel will wrap up the event. Tickets are $60 per person/$120 per couple; make checks payable to Diane Terry. For more information, contact Diane (Ryznar) Terry (734-942-0326 / DianeT119@aol.com) or Paula (McGhen) Smith (734-941-4499 / smithp@romulus.k12.mi.us).
- **Open Registration at Romulus Head Start** – Romulus Head Start is now enrolling three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program. For eligibility information, call 734-727-9920.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Lambert Elected President

At its annual statutory meeting, held July 9, the Romulus Board of Education elected member Alan Lambert to serve as president for the 2001–2002 school year. Other officers elected included:

- Debbie Dick – Vice-president,
- Billy McCraight – Secretary, and
- Betty Lenossi – Treasurer.

Rounding out the Board's membership are Trustees Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Michael Woods.

Other business conducted at the meeting included:

- reaffirmation of National City and Comerica banks as the district's official depositories;
- renaming of the district's auditors and attorneys;
- establishing a meeting schedule; and
- readoption of the district's official policies. ❑

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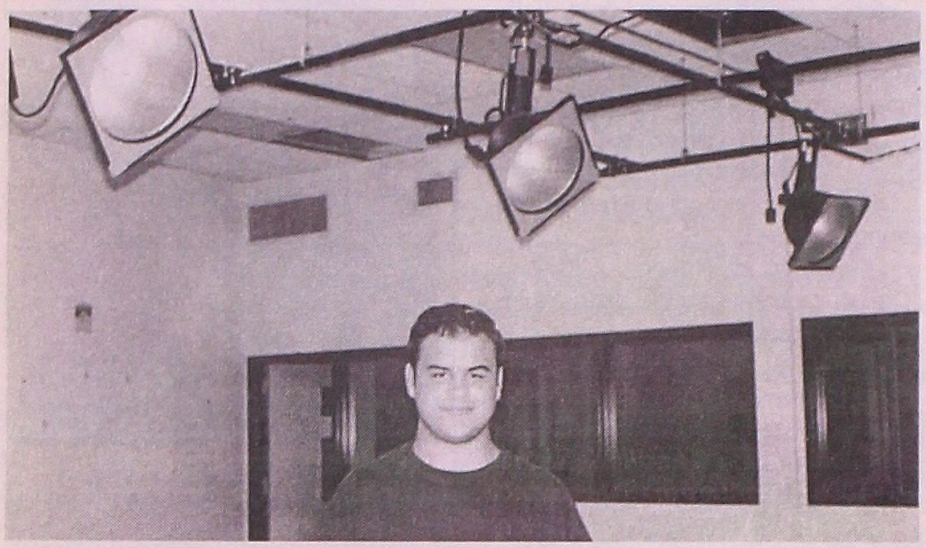
Technology Update



Technology upgrades are keeping Romulus schools busy. Audio-video tech Steve Harper shows off the High School's new production studio.

Bill Garland, Romulus High School's head custodian, displays one of the district's newly equipped computer laboratories.

An extensive drainage system is now in place for Romulus High School's new biology laboratory.

Capricorn Co. employees Scott McConkey (left) and Steve Mayer work on the new server system for the computers at Romulus High School.

Kurt McDaniel (left) and David Florkowski of Advanced Communications, Inc., install Wick Elementary School's fiber optic lines for the district's Wide Area Network.

Preparing to install new Dell computers at Romulus High School are media techs (from left) Laurie Berlinn (Halecreek Elementary), Samuel Bonam (Cory Elementary), and Phillip Rossman (RHS).

Romulus Elementary

Work on the new Romulus Elementary has moved into its final stages as the district prepares for the school's 2001–2002 opening next month. The 53,000-square-foot building – located on Beverly Road just west of Henry Ruff Road – is a state-of-the-art educational facility that was financed through the voter-approved bond issue of 1999. Lynne Mossoian – former Principal of Halecreek Elementary School – has been named Principal of the new school.

Enjoying a tour of the new school were (from left): front row – April Frayer (new Board of Education Trustee), Ken Berlinn (outgoing Vice-president), Betty Lenossi (Treasurer), Lynne Mossoian (Principal), Eva Webb (outgoing Secretary), and Alan Lambert (President); back row – Kevin Waldman (Barton Malow Project Manager), Joel R. Carr (Superintendent), Robin Block (Barton Malow Supervisor), Bill Routhier (Director of Finance), Debbie Dick (Vice-president), and Ed Clark (Director of Human Resources).

Preparing for the 2001–2002 school year are Romulus Elementary staff members (from left): first row – Regan Wisely (second-grade teacher), Jill Hillis (first-grade teacher), Gail Thompkins (intervention specialist), Margie McAnally (sixth-grade teacher), and Selassicia O'Flynn (social worker); back row – Jeff Leucht (fifth-grade teacher), Bill Baum (physical-education teacher), and Gretchen Notaro (kindergarten teacher).

Among students, parents, and staff who attended a recent "welcome night" at the school were (from left): front row – Richard Vaughn, Katrina Keating, Dolores Pittman, Shauna Pittman, Andy Pittman, and Heather Nefsey; back row – Sandy Slater (fifth-grade teacher), Jeff Leucht (fifth-grade teacher), Margie McAnally (sixth-grade teacher), April Vaughn, Monika Reynolds, Eric Reynolds, Julie Nefsey, and Jacob Nefsey.

Superintendent Joel R. Carr and teacher Gretchen Notaro (right) greeted (from left) Barbara Nemeth, her daughter Abigail, and Jeanette Barnhart.

Romulus Elementary Principal Lynne Mossoian (left) welcomed Denna Kuhn and her son Aaron.

RHS Talent Show Was Great Tension-breaker Before Exams

Singing and dancing to the Supremes' "Stop in the Name of Love" were (from left) Thalia Swint, Terri Brinston, Suzanne Snyder, Winifred Wafer, and Teneka Singleton.

With the thought of having some fun and lightening things up for the students before final exams, Romulus High School staff members presented an outstanding talent show at the end of the school year.

Among the acts were:

- the "Pink Ladies" (secretaries Joyce Evans, Bonnie Bossidis, Diane Bishop, Alice Kesner, Paula Smith, and Sylvia Thompson; program assistant Jill Avery; teachers Gail Coleman, Debrah Wilson, and Phyllis Wilkerson; and nurses Laura Ralko and Diane Vidovic), who danced to '50s favorites;
- the "Blues Brothers" (multimedia teacher Clinton Chico and language-arts teacher Jason Kahler), who showed off some fancy footwork to "Soul Man";
- choir director Judy Barthwell, who performed an original medley that featured clever "rap" passages concerning how kids feel about school;
- track coach Norbert Glover, who did a super vocal version of "The Wind Beneath My Wings";
- band director Henry James and social-studies teacher Rod Hanna, who combined their talents on the Temptations' "Ain't Too Proud To Beg";
- health-occupations instructor Terri Brinston, business teacher Thalia Swint, special-education teachers Suzanne Synder and Winifred Wafer, and language-arts teacher Teneka Singleton sang and danced to the Supremes' "Stop in the Name of Love"; and
- social-studies teacher Ed Horn, math teacher Marci Tomchick, and transitions teacher Jenny Sayer sang the Beatles' "Yesterday."

The show ended with a rousing rendition of "YMCA" that featured staff members (colorfully dressed as the Village People) parading through the auditorium and inviting students to join in.

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BUDGET HEARING, JUNE 25, 2001

The Budget Hearing of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, June 25, 2001, was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Michael D. Woods.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Woods.

BUDGET HEARING:

General Fund Budget for 2001–2002 was reviewed with Board of Education by William Routhier, Director of Finance. There were no communications or expressions from the public. Discussion was held with Board of Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6/01/15 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education convene into Executive Session for student hearing deliberation. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

6/01/16 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Eva W. Webb, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 25, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, June 25, 2001, was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Michael D. Woods.

Roll call showed all Board members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Woods.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/01/17 Moved by Dick supported by Lambert to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes; 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

6/01/18 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Stacy Paige, Secretary, Halecreek Elementary, Effective August 13, 2001.

RETIREMENT: Darlene Abela, Fourth-grade Teacher, Barth Elementary, Effective June 18, 2001; Leota McCraight, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective June 18, 2001.

6/01/19 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the retirement of personnel as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – FYI: Antonia Soave (Child Care), Foreign-language Teacher, Middle School, Effective August 27, 2001 – January 28, 2001 (First Semester).

6/01/20 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to accept the recommendation of Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and rescind the resolution adopted by the Board of Education on April 9, 2001, to lay off Cari Thurkow, seniority date July 10, 2000, and recall her for the forthcoming 2001–2002 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

6/01/21 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Finance. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adoption of Budget 2001–2002

6/01/22 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education approve the Finance Committee's recommendation and adopt the 2001/02 Budget as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Athletic and Physical Education Presentation

Mr. Jesse Meriweather, Director of Athletics, presented the Board of Education with highlights of the Athletic Department's Season Summary and Year-end Report for the 2000/2001 School Year. The Board of Education requested that future reports include cost figures of programs and scholarships.

Student Hearing – Action

6/01/23 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi that Student "A" be enrolled at the Alternative Middle School and placed on probation for one (1) year for the 2001–2002 school year, and that the Board of Education will review the student's status in the spring of 2002 for attendance at Romulus Community Schools for the 2002–2003 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Recognition – Retiring Board Members

School Board members Eva Webb and Kenneth Berlinn were given resolutions of recognition for outstanding services rendered as Board members.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications or expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Among the First! Romulus Schools NCA; and (2) Thank You – Lynne & Mike Cadden.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Betty Lenossi complimented Romulus Schools Employees' First Annual Picnic. Debbie Dick addressed concerns over grounds at High School. Debbie discussed the EMU football game in the fall, and the school district and city working together in a community effort. Debbie further discussed cable and informed the Board that the district is currently getting bids and will tape the last meeting in July. Michael Woods extended a special thank-you to Eva Webb and Ken Berlinn for their service on the Board of Education. This was echoed by other members of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

6/01/24 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva W. Webb, Secretary
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STATUTORY MEETING, JULY 9, 2001

The Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 9, 2001, was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent.

Roll call showed all members present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Carr.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, asked for nominations.

Nominations Opened for the Office of President

Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight to nominate Member Lambert. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of President was closed. Member Lambert elected President unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Vice-president

Moved by McCraight supported by Lenossi to nominate Member Dick. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Vice-president was closed. Member Dick elected Vice-president unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Secretary

Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley to nominate Member McCraight. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Secretary was closed. Member McCraight elected Secretary unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Treasurer

Moved by Woods supported by Lambert to nominate Member Lenossi. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Treasurer was closed. Member Lenossi elected Treasurer unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES:

7/01/1 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education name Comerica and National City to continue as depositories and that the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools continue to have the authority to sign authorizing documents requiring two of the five actual signatures or facsimile signatures. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

7/01/2 Moved by Woods supported by Dick that the Board of Education schedule their meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the 2001/2002 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF AUDITOR:

7/01/3 Moved by Woods supported by Dick that the Board of Education employ the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel to act as auditors for the Board of Education for the 2001/2002 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays; 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF ATTORNEYS:

7/01/4 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education employ the firm of Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay and Katz, and Thrun, Maatch and Nordberg, P.C., to act as attorneys for the Board of Education for the 2001/2002 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS POLICIES:

7/01/5 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board of Education adopt the existing policies of the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/01/6 Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Billy McCraight, Secretary
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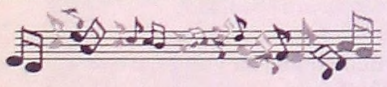
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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 9, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 9, 2001, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Alan R. Lambert.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lambert.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/01/7 Moved by Dick supported by Frayer to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

7/01/8 Moved by Dick supported by Frayer that the Board approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 25, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval:

EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Cathy Coleman, Secretary, Romulus Elementary, Effective August 13, 2001.

Bills for Payment

7/01/9 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Finance. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Romulus Elementary Fencing Contract

7/01/10 Moved by Lenossi supported by Dick to approve Sunset Excavating to install fencing on the north and west side of Romulus Elementary for $27,579.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Playground Equipment – Halecreek/Romulus Elementary

7/01/11 Moved by Buckley supported by Dick to approve Michigan Playground LLC for the proposal of playground equipment at Halecreek and Romulus Elementary for a total of $36,295.70. (Romulus Elementary: $27,676.70. Halecreek: $8,619.00 – contribution from P.T.O. ½ cost.) Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adolescent Health Center – Stipend

7/01/12 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to approve stipend for Romulus Adolescent Health Center receptionist in the amount of $10,000. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PA System – Merriman

7/01/13 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight to approve the purchase of Audio Enhancement for Merriman School for $27,780.40, funds to be allocated from Golden Apple proceeds. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Elementary Science Classroom Renovations – Bid Package #7

7/01/14 Moved by Lenossi supported by Dick to approve the low bidders for Elementary Science Classroom Renovations from the 1999 Bond Program as follows:

Bid Category	Contractor	Award Amount
06000 – General Trades	The Simone Company	$429,000.00
15050 – Mechanical	John E. Green Company	$229,500.00
16050 – Electrical	Michigan Electric, LLC	$ 48,200.00
Project Total		$706,700.00

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Apple Computer Purchase

7/01/15 Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley to approve the purchase of Macintosh computers as outlined for teacher stations, libraries, Middle School, and High School for a total of $209,326.00, funds to be allocated from the 1999 Bond Program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Copier Machine – Romulus Elementary

7/01/16 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the low bidder, Toshiba Corp., for their bid of $21,250.00 for an 8070 Digital Copier for Romulus Elementary School, funds to be allocated from the 1999 Bond Program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Media Center/Book Collection – Romulus Elementary

7/01/17 Moved by Dick supported by McCraight to accept Baker Taylor as the supplier for the Media Center at Romulus Elementary School for a total of $50,000, funds to be allocated from 1999 bond program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction Update

Kevin Waldman, Barton Malow, presented the Board of Education with a construction progress overview.

MASB Legislative Liaison Appointment

7/01/18 Moved by McCraight supported by Dick that Board member Betty Lenossi be appointed as MASB Legislation Liaison. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

District Memberships

7/01/19 Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan Association of School Boards at a cost of $5,458.00; the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.; Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, Inc., at a cost of $2,039.78; and Middle Cities at a cost of $6,150.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments

Appointments to be made by Board President at next regular meeting of Board of Education. Board members are to indicate interests to Board President.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Dick Kruse shared with the Board a brochure on Pine Woods Village, a new apartment complex in Romulus.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Memo to Dan Hurst re: Outstanding School Year; (2) Presentation Schedule for 2001/2002 school year.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Betty Lenossi informed the Board of Education about the Historical Society's party in the park on Wednesday, July 11, from 7 – 9 p.m. She further stated that the tour of the new elementary school, Romulus Elementary, was great. Debbie Dick questioned as to when playground equipment will be installed at Wick Elementary. Also questioned as to when soccer goals would be installed at Wick. Debbie questioned as to whether there is alignment of curriculum between Middle School, Alternative School, and Romulus High School/Community High School. Debbie further updated the Board with regard to taping of next meeting. She requested volunteers for cable committee. Cheryle Buckley volunteered to serve on committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/01/20 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Billy McCraight, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Around the District

Drainage, "dewatering," and the relocation of pipes are among the processes now complete as workers get ready to begin excavation for Romulus High School's new swimming pool.

Among those recognized for their community-service work at a National Volunteer Week celebration at Romulus High School were (from left) Katie Bolus, Phyllis Bolus, Hillary Kozma.

Among the students who took a summer algebra class were (from left): front row – Christina Foster, Jennifer Case, Sandy Chiu, and Ashley Hayes; back row – Daniel Norden, Teddy Hall, Britton Weems, Kristin Clapp, Melanie Vaughn, and Angelita Gray. Altogether, 189 area high-school students took classes for enrichment or make-up.

Summer-school administrators who worked hard to make the program a big success included (from left) Jason Sulhaney (Merriman Elementary), Terri Brinston (Romulus/Belleville Cooperative High School), Simona Miller (Wick Elementary), Deanna Forester (VISTA grant coordinator), and Heather Stanley (Romulus/Belleville Cooperative Middle School).

Southwest Airlines employees Dean Worker (employee relations manager, Chicago office) and Amy Johnson (flight attendant) help Wick Elementary students Steve Hawes and Jennifer Dick with a volunteer landscaping project in front of the school.

Other volunteers included Southwest employees Liz Newcomb (second from left; marketing department representative) and Dan Jorgensen (marketing manager, Chicago office), as well as (from left) students Antoine Banks and Kristen Dubisky and Wick principal Debbie Juriga.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

Senior Olympics

The Romulus Senior Center is urging everyone to attend the annual Downriver Senior Olympics program (set for August 6–10 at the Brownstown Township Senior Center) to cheer for their favorite hometown "Olympian."

Among those representing Romulus this year will be Edna "Sandy" Bell, William "John" Bella, Kenneth Berlinn, Ruth Bierl, Shirley Calahan, Lloyd S. Collins, Joseph Constante, Paul Dorman, Mickey Durham, Dennis Hackett, Jr., Katherine McCraight, Ruth McGoldrick, Barbara Ann Sauer, Angela Hicks Snyder, James C. Thompson, and Dorothy Woldt.

For more information about events/times, call the Center.

August Luncheon

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to bring a friend and a dish to pass on Friday, August 17, for a potluck luncheon that will begin at 1 p.m. A main dish of meatballs and gravy, plus dessert and beverages, will be provided. Cost is $2 per person.

Sign up at the Center.

Casino Gambling

Flirt with lady luck by taking part in these casino trips arranged by the Romulus Senior Center:

- Motor City Casino (Friday, August 3, $5 cost), and
- Soaring Eagle Casino (Tuesday, August 7, $10 cost).

Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

Fishing/Picnic

Enjoy a day of old-fashioned summer fun on Thursday, August 2, when the Senior Center van travels to Dexter Trout Farm for some fishing and picnicking. For further information, call the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- ***Houghton Lake Cruise*** (August 18; $39);
- ***"Lighthouse Cruise" (Straits of Mackinac)*** (August 27–28, $199);
- ***Branson, Missouri*** (October 26–30; $499);
- ***Biloxi/New Orleans*** (November 4–10; $527); and
- ***Turtle Creek/Traverse Bay*** (November 16–17; $85).

Shopping

For a transportation fee of just $1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Southland Mall (Wednesday, August 8, 9:30 a.m.) and/or the Belleville Meijer (Thursday, August 9, 2:30 p.m.). Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

Senior Softball

Just a reminder that Senior Softball is played at Elmer Johnson Park every Monday and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. No experience is necessary; play is open to anyone age 50 and up who is looking to have fun, stay fit, and enjoy the company of others.

Health Checks

The Romulus Senior Center urges everyone interested in monitoring their health to mark their calendars with the following dates:

- FREE blood pressure, cholesterol, and sugar tests; no fasting required (Friday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and
- FREE health screenings for everyone over 60; $15 for all others (Friday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

All testing programs will be conducted at the Senior Center. Although no appointment is necessary to take advantage of these monitoring services, it is important to remember that preregistration by enough people ensures that the programs will not be canceled.

Sign up at the Center if you are interested.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, August 20, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable ($5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Hot Lunch

For just $1.75, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. ❑

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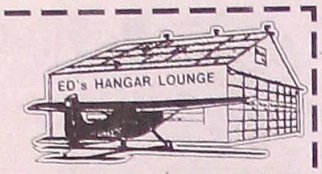

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Emma Nicole Patterson

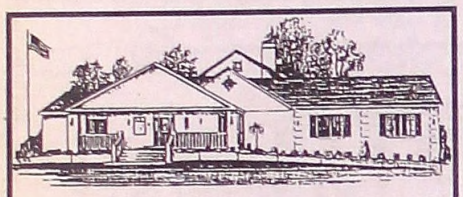
Christopher and Nicole Patterson of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Emma Nicole Patterson.

Born in Garden City Hospital (Garden City, MI) at 3:02 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, Emma weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and measured 22 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was her big brother, Jacob Kenneth Patterson, who is 15 months older than Emma.

Also welcoming the latest addition to their family were paternal grandparents Joe and Linda Wegienka and maternal grandmother Nancy Dyer, as well as paternal great-grandparents Stanley and Theresa Wegienka, and maternal great-grandmother Doris Mackie (all of Romulus).

Emma Nicole Patterson



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Obituaries

James R. Catron

James R. Catron of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, June 27, 2001. He was 28 years old.

The native of Trenton, Michigan, was born April 7, 1973.

Among those surviving James are his parents, Robert and Cynthia Catron (Romulus); two sons, Jessie and Daniel Catron (Romulus); two daughters, Angel and Alyssa Catron (Romulus); and two sisters, Wendy M. (Mark) Dubyak (Romulus) and Sherri E. (James) Hamm (Phoenix, AZ).

A funeral service was held Sunday, July 1, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Michael Doucoumes (Pastor, Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church, Garden City, MI), officiating.

Pete Littleton

Pete Littleton of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, July 23, 2001. He was 73 years old.

Born October 15, 1927, the native of Versailles, Pennsylvania, was a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Romulus), and the Loyal Order of the Moose (Belleville, MI).

Among those surviving Pete are his wife, Rosemary Littleton; two sons, Charles Robert (Wilma) Littleton and Regis Littleton (Romulus); two daughters, Elva Louise (Roger) Jones (McKeesport, PA) and Lorrie Littleton (Sumpter Township, MI); two sisters, Louise McGrew (Philadelphia, PA) and Betty Mae Cashmarek (FL); 10 grandchildren, Melissa Ray Littleton, Chuck Littleton, Jr., Cynthia Ruth Littleton, Steven Isaac Littleton, Tiffany Ryback, Gregory Littleton, Paul David Lenderman, Renee Littleton, Donivain Jones, and Jessica Jones; and one great-granddaughter, Maria Ryback.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 27, with Father Alexander Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating.

Burial will be at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. ❑

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